



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 9, 2007

H.R. 1036

A bill to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of property to the Alaska Railroad Corporation

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
on March 1, 2007*

H.R. 1036 would require the Administrator of the General Services Administration (GSA) to convey within two years the GSA Fleet Management Center located in Anchorage, Alaska, to the Alaska Railroad Corporation. The corporation is owned by the state of Alaska. The legislation would require that the Alaska Railroad Corporation pay fair market value for the site (approximately \$2 million) or provide a replacement facility. Proceeds from the sale would be deposited in GSA's Federal Buildings Fund and could be spent on any authorized activities without further appropriation action. Because of that new spending authority, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would increase direct spending by \$2 million in 2010 or 2011. The legislation would not affect revenues.

Under current practice, GSA has used the authorities granted in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108-447) to retain and spend proceeds from real property sales, subject to appropriation action. Based on information from GSA and the railroad, CBO expects that this property would be sold under current law in 2010 or 2011; the legislation would accelerate that process and would allow spending of the proceeds, which could not occur under current law without appropriation action. Thus, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1036 would result in a shift of \$2 million in receipts from 2010 or 2011 to 2008 and additional direct spending (from those receipts) in 2008. As a result, net outlays in 2008 would be unchanged, but direct spending outlays in 2010 or 2011 would increase by \$2 million because of the decrease in offsetting receipts in that year.

H.R. 1036 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act; any costs to the state of Alaska would be incurred voluntarily.

The CBO staff contact is Matthew Pickford. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.